

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An improved bolt face for a firearm of the type having a frame defining a longitudinally extending extraction ~~ejection~~ chamber, a barrel having a bore adapted to receive a cartridge of a selected caliber disposed in the frame, a slide or bolt arranged to move longitudinally between a forward and a rearward position with respect to said frame and said barrel, said slide or bolt defining a breechblock portion having a longitudinal hole therethrough, a firing pin longitudinally slidable in said longitudinal hole to enable it to strike the cartridge when the slide or bolt is in the forward position, an extractor adapted to match the selected caliber of the cartridge, and an ejector fixed to the frame and extending into said extraction ~~ejection~~ chamber, ~~characterized in that:~~ wherein said breechblock portion defines a semi-circular groove coaxial with said longitudinal hole and further defines an extractor recess, said firearm having a bolt face insert comprising a body defining a semi-circular rim adapted to removably fit into said semi-circular groove, said extractor disposed in said extractor recess and arranged to retain said bolt face insert, said body having a breechblock side facing said ~~the frame~~ breechblock portion and having an oppositely disposed bolt face side facing the extraction chamber when the insert rim is inserted into the breechblock groove, and said bolt face side of said body adapted to match the selected caliber of said cartridge.

2. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert further defines a longitudinal ejector slot located and dimensioned to receive said ejector when said slide or bolt moves to said ~~move to a~~ rearward position.

3. (Original) The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert further defines an extractor groove adapted to receive said extractor.

4. (Original) The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert further defines a central hole therethrough located in the body so as to be aligned with said longitudinal hole in said breechblock portion when the insert rim is inserted into the semi-circular groove.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A bolt face insert for providing a readily changeable bolt face for a bolt or a slide of a firearm, said bolt face insert comprising~~ The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert comprises a body having a longitudinal axis and defining a semi-circular rim disposed about said axis, said body defining a hole therethrough along said axis, said bolt face insert defining a longitudinal ejector slot through said body extending parallel to said axis, and said bolt face insert further defining an extractor groove through said semi-circular rim extending perpendicular to said axis.